

Ms. Lura B. Irish  
16409 - 33rd St. Ct. KPN  
P.O. Box 578  
Lakebay, Washington 98349

2 8 2 2 '00 APR 21 P 1 :44

April 16, 2000

Dockets Management Branch  
FDA - Room 1061  
5630 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Docket 99P 4613

Gentlemen:

I am very concerned about the revelation that the research submitted by Monsanto to the FDA and approved, from 1985 until 1993 was performed with a different hormone than the BGH currently on the market. The protein formula is not an exact version of the natural pituitary extract from a cow.

I have read that Upjohn, soon to be merged with Monsanto, also wants to market a version of BGH, which also is questionable.

I understand that the FDA is considering banning BGH altogether, and I urge that this be done. This example of genetic engineering is too risky to be approved.

Not only have there been no valid tests proving no harm humans, who ingest it in milk, present use causes great suffering and increased health problems for milk cows. More antibiotics are then given the cows, and these also get into the milk, adding to the dangers that when antibiotics are needed by humans, they will be ineffective against new strains of bacteria.

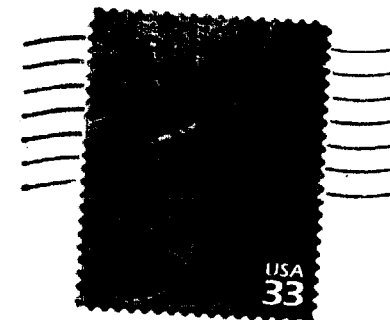
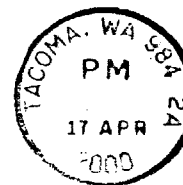
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lura B. Irish

Ms. Lura B. Irish  
16409 - 33rd Street Court KPN  
P.O. Box 578  
Lakebay, Washington 98349-0578



Dockets Management Branch  
FDA - Room 1061  
5630 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

20857+0001

